Pension Scheme for Sportsmen

1359. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a pension scheme for all sportsmen who represent India at any Asian Games and the Olympics;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to ensure the economic security for our sportsmen after they retire ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) to (c) There is no concrete proposal yet for a pension scheme for all sportspersons. However, the sportspersons who win medal in international events including Asian and Olympic Games are given cash awards under the scheme of Special Awards to medal winners in International events. The Award is intended to help sportspersons of outstanding excellence to maintain themselves with dignity and continue to give their best in further pursuit of the sports of their choice. Further under the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons pension is given to sportspersons in indigent circumstances.

Assessment of the efficiency of UNICEF Programmes

1360. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been made by your Ministry or an outside agency of the impact of various UNICEF funded schemes for child welfare during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the findings;

(c) if not, the manner in which the efficiency of UNICEF programmes in the country is assessed; and

(d) at what level inter-action is conducted between the Central Government and UNICEF.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI) : (a) Yes Sir. A number of national programmes receiving assistance from UNICEF have been evaluated during the last three years.

(b) The details of findings of evaluations of the major UNICEF assisted programmes during the last three years are as follows :—

(i) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)—Evaluation by National Institute of Public Cooperation & Child Development (NIPCCD) 1991-92—

(a) The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) of areas covered by Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is lower than the corresponding figure for the entire country. The differences are most significant in rural areas.

(b) Immunisation level amongst children w.r.t. ECG, Measles,

Polio and DPT were found better in ICDS than in non-ICDS areas.

(c) Immunization level among expectant mothers was better in ICDS areas than that in non-ICDS areas.

(d) Pre-schoolers attending Anganwadis had better enrolment and retention rate.

(e) In ICDS areas higher number mothers received postnatal care than in non-ICDS areas.

(ii) Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) Evaluation by M/s. Mode Research Agency 1990—

(a) Inadequate staffing, lack of awareness and group cohesion, and lack of adequate marketing outlets at the field levels are some of the major impediments resulting into tardy implementation of DWCRA Projects.

(b) It is also noticed that revolving fund was not being used fully.

(iii) Universal Immunization Programme (UIP)—Evaluation by Government of India, WHO & UNICEF September, 1992—

(a) Consistently high coverage under the programme for all doses both for children as well as women;

(b) Combination of high levels of TT Vaccinations and safe birth practices leading to marked drop in incidence of neo-natal tetanus;

(c) Generally high community awareness and acceptance of immunization services; and

(d) Effective working of cold chain and logistic system.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Interaction between Government of India and the UNICEF takes place through the nodal Department of Women & Child Development as well as different sectoral Ministries responsible for implementation and management of national programmes assisted by UNICEF.

UNICEF Sponsored Programmes in Andhra Pradesh

1361. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance has been provided to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years through UNICEF sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the UNICEF programmes in the pipeline for Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI) : (a) UNICEF assistance is regulated by the five year Master Plans of operation under which assistance is provided to various national programmes in cash or kind. There is no provision for any State-wise financial assistance.

(b) As in the rest of the country UNICEF assistance is provided to Andhra Pradesh under the following sectors :—